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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/SOVIET CONSULTATIONS?

1. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST, CAIRO NEWSPAPERS WERE INFORMED ON JULY 1 THAT AN EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR WAS TO OCCUR, AND THAT NEWS OF THIS COULD BE PUBLISHED ON FOLLOWING DAY. IN FACT, JULE 2 PRESS CONTAINED NOTHING ON SUBJECT, BUT SHORTLY THEREAFTER STORY BEGAN TO CIRCULATE IN GENERALLY WELL-INFORMED EGYPTIAN CIRCLES THAT GOE DELEGATION WOULD SOON LEAVE FOR MOSCOW, HEADED EITHER BY ASU FIRST SECRETARY HAFEZ GHANEM OR HAFEZ ISMAIL. STORY HAS STILL NOT BEEN PUBLISHED, BUT JULY 4 PRESS REPORTED THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW ABDEL QADIR IS TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO JULY 5 FOR CONSULTATIONS
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2. THIS IS PRETTY THIN STUFF, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WORTH REPORTING BECAUSE SOURCES ARE REASONABLY CREDIBLE AND BECAUSE SUCH STORIES ARE INDICATIVE OF A CONTINUING UNDERLYING STRAIN IN EGYPTIAN/SOVIET RELATIONS. ATTENTION THAT CAIRO PRESS ACCORDED SOVIETS IN PRE- AND POST-SUMMIT PERIOD HAS DIED DOWN SOMEWHAT, BUT EGYPTIANS AT VARIOUS LEVELS ARE STILL EXPRESSING THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH BREZHNEV'S PERFORMANCE ON THEIR BEHALF AT SUMMIT MEETINGS. IN EGYPTIAN EYES CONSULTA- TIONS, OR AT LEAST EXPLANATIONS FROM SOVIETS, WOULD BE IN ORDER AT THIS POINT.
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